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1. EMBOFF TALKED ON AUGUST 4 WITH DAVID WRIGHT OF EXTAFF CIEC TASK FORCE ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN (REFTEL A) AND MEACEACHEN'S RECENT MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH PEREZ-GUERRERO. WRIGHT, IN ABSENCE OF ASSISTANCE UNDER SECRETARY M. DUPUY AND AID AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR E. BERGBUSCH WHO ARE ON LEAVE, IS CURRENTLY PREPARING LETTER FROM MACEACHEN TO PEREZ-GUERRERO ON CIEC CONSULTATIONS.

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2. WRIGHT SAID THAT SECRETARY'S LETTER FOR "VERY

POSITIVE" AND "WOULD BE GREAT HELP" IN PREPARING LETTER FROM MEACEACHEN TO PEREZ-GUERRERO. SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS FIRST THAT EXTAFF HAD RECEIVED FROM A G-8 MINISTER IN REPLY TO MACEACHEN'S JULY 26 LETTER ALTHOUGH EXTAFF HAD RECEIVED SOME PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF MINISTERS' REPLIES FROM SUBORDINATE OFFICIALS.

3. NEW YORK MEETING OF MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO WAS INCONSLUVIE, WRIGHT INDICATED, AND NEW MEETING WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE PEREZ-GUERRERO LEFT FOR COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WRIGHT SAID MEETING WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE AND MACEACHEN TO PEREZ-GUERRERO LETTER WOULD SERVE AS FOLLOW-UP TO NEW YORK MEETING FOR TIME BEING. (PEREZ-GUERRERO IS LEAVING FOR COLOMBO "THIS WEEKEND," WRIGHT STATED, AND WILL GO FROM THERE TO MEXICO CITY FOR G-77 MEETING. MACEACHEN LEAVES FOR ASIAN TOUR ON AUGUST 20 AND WILL NOT RETURN TO OTTAWA UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6.)

4. MEACEACHEN LETTER TO PEREZ-GUERRERO WOULD OUTLINE GOC SUGGESTION (APPARENTLY ALREADY PUT FORWARD AT NEW YORK MEETING) THAT LANGUAGE FOR WORK PROGRAMS BE MADE "MORE NEUTRAL" BUT MEMBERS WOULD BE PERMITTED ADD ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS TO WORK PROGRAMS DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS. MACEACHEN WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT PEREZ-GUERRERO "TRY OUT" THIS FORMULATION ON G-19 COUNTRIES DURING COLOMBO AND MEXICO CITY MEETINGS.

5. WRIGHT SAID THAT SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING OF COMMISSIONS MIGHT BE DELAYED BECAUSE TRAVEL SCHEDULES OF PEREZ-GUERRERO AND MEACEACHEN WOULD PROBABLY NOT PERMIT THEIR MEETING BEFORE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. GOC "DID NOT WANT TO PUSH" PEREZ-GUERRERO INTO CORNER BY MAKING MORE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS (PRESUMABLY ON "NEUTRAL" LANGUAGE WORDING) BEFORE HE HAD CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH G-19 ON GENERAL FORMATION OF "MORE NEUTRAL" LANGUAGE AND FURTHER PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS.

6. PEREZ-GUERRERO HAS GREATER PROBLEMS WITH HIS CONSTITUENCY THAN MACEACHEN, WRIGHT STATED, BECAUSE OF DIVERGENCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERESTS OF G-19 AND "CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE" IN CIEC BY SOME MEMBERS (RE REFTTEL B). HOWEVER, GOC WAS HOPEFUL THAT PEREZ-GUERRERO "COULD SELL" GOC SUGGESTION TO G-19 IN ORDER TO RESOLVE IMPASSE.
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